Miss Annie McKean
1880 – Sept. 18

Miss Annie McKane
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Washington Pa.
If a letter comes
have her commissioned

Washington Penna.
Sept. 18 – 1880.

My Dear Mrs. Haines.

A short time ago there appeared in the "Interior" a letter from a gentleman in Utah – a very interesting letter – asking for help in the way of two teachers as well as in our prayers & Christian charities. Also that there were fifteen or twenty teachers needed in that Territory. In the same paper it is stated that fifteen new teachers are under appointment – twelve others are needed.

The cry for help seems to be so great in the far West, that, after

carefully considering the matter I have concluded to express my willingness to go and offer my services which I hope will be acceptable. You wonder who I am, and what I am: Shall try to tell you a little of myself briefly and leave the rest for somebody else. Have lived comfortably & happily in Washington all my life - have been a member of Dr. Bronson's Sab. for ten years - a teacher in the Sab. School four years - graduated at the Seminary here in the class of '73 - have had a little experience in teaching day school, & have had every advantage socially & religiously that any one could desire - especially the blessing of a pious home.

If you would take the trouble to write to some of your acquaintances here - either Dr. or Mrs. Bronson, Mrs. Dr. Speer, Miss Sherard or any others you

many have, they would doubtless give you any information necessary in regard to my history, qualifications &c.

As yet, I have not intimated my intentions to any one except Mrs. Bronson, as I thought I had rather not say anything about my going until I could see whether there was any prospect or not. In writing them, to any of those persons, please ask them not to say anything about the matter until my plans are a little more definitely arranged.

I shall be glad to hear from you Mrs. Haines, at your earliest convenience and shall be very grateful for any information concerning schools where teachers are much needed in different parts of the West under the supervision of the Home Board, and also what is required of the teacher.

Very Respectfully —
Annie McKean.

Miss Annie McKean
Washington, Pa
1880 – Oct. 4

Miss Annie McKean –
Dr. Kirkpatrick to write
Mr. McMillan
ans 11. 8/80 –
and 11. 23/80 –

Washington Penna.
Oct. 4th 1880.

Very Dear Mrs. Haines.

Your letters of Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st received and read with joy and thankfulness.

I was so glad to learn that you had seen Dr. and Mrs. Brownson, for I feel that your connection with them was worth more than any number of letters.

Am very grateful to both them and you for the interest you have already manifested in my behalf, and am determined –

the Lord helping me - to do to the best of my ability whatever work is set before me.

You ask in your second letter if I know anything of Latin & Algebra. By reviewing Algebra I could teach it, but unfortunately I have never studied Latin.

My brother who has been the family physician for seven years past and who knows my constitution thoroughly will furnish the necessary certificate as to my health.

The other certificates I have not been able to procure yet, but shall try to send them this week. If I could only get word to Dr. B- he could very probably get me a certificate from Presbytery at the meeting of Synod next week. Shall try to at least. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Very truly yours-

Annie McKean.

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To Dr H Kendall

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Miss Annie McKean
Fillmore, Utah
1880 – Dec 20

Miss Annie McKean
and 12-23/80 –

Washington Penna.
Dec. 20th 1880.

Dear Miss. Haines.

Your last letter was delayed a whole day by your making a mistake in the address. It was sent to Washington N. J. instead of Penna. However I recd. it Friday evening and Sat. morning I sent a postal to Mr. Kendall with a promise to write more fully this morning.

Have just finished his letter which he may think rather brief, but I thought I had rather explain to you more fully as I feel better acquainted with you and knew you would appreciate my reasons more than he would.

My parents think that when I am going so far away and expect to be gone so long, I had better not start until I am perfectly satisfied that

I have everything that I need and am quite ready to go. So Ella is having an extra amount of underclothing made for me which we are hurrying up as fast as possible. Then I have one new dress and a heavy ulster yet to make - my clothes all to mark and my trunk & ~~box~~ to pack. I want to do it nearly all this week if I can, as my friends & relatives say they will claim all the time I can spare next week from the Institute. So you can readily imagine I shall be very busy until New Years day, and should like to have a few days to rest. As I told Mr. Kendall, I think of starting on the 5th of Jan. (have no doubt she could get that ticket extended a few days) & would reach Chicago the morning of the 6th after spending a few days with my brother there & with my sister in Burlington Iowa, shall proceed to the work assigned me. My parents are very much better satisfied to have me go there - and Mr. & Mrs. Brownson are delighted. It didn't take me long to decide for that is just where I wanted to go, tho I was perfectly willing to go to New Mexico if you thought best. However, this is the place I preferred and now

sincerely hope that the place will be kept for me and that nothing will ferevent any going or occur to detain me. I Am very thankful I did not start at the time first mentioned to meet Mr. Jacks at Kansas City - as I might have been stopped on the way, which would not have been very pleasant.

For this reason I am very anxious to have everything settled and sure before I start, so as to avoid any such dentension. Rec'd a postal from Miss Verbeck Sat. evening - shall write to her today and tell her she need not consider me in her arrangements at all, but feel at liberty to start as soon as she wants to.

I am anticipating very pleasant company half way to Chicago - a lady & gentleman friend who will try to make their arrangements to start the same time I do.

The meeting of Poesbeleng was a very pleasant one and I think, a great blessing to all who attended. Yesterday we had a delightful communion, but it made one feel very sad to think it was the last time I should meet around the Lords Table with my dear friends for a long time - perhaps never again with a great many of them. But it was a comfort to me that I could hope to meet them sometime in heaven, when our work here was done.

Mrs. Spear very kindly asked me to tell the Young Ladies of our Mission Band something of the place to which I had lately been commissioned, at our meeting last Friday afternoon. I did so with pleasure, and was responded to in a very appropriate and affecting way by Miss Sarah Stiles, who, in the name of the Band bade me a "Farewell & God-speed."

I have great reason to be thankful to God for the many friends He has given me & their kindness to me - beside their kind words, they have added $6.75 more to the amount I spoke of last week, making in all $62.75 I have not decided yet what use I shall make of it, but think I shall invest the greater part of it in a watch - something that I can keep & will be very useful. And now, my dear Mrs. Haines, I shall anxiously await your reply to my letter and hope it will not be long in coming.

Wishing you a "Merry Christmas, and a very very Happy New Year, I remain,

Yours affectionately

Annie McKean.

& give her Commission & letters of introduction to friends at Omaha - Ogden & Salt Lake City - at which last place she will be met by Mr. McMillan & helped on her way to Fillmore -

5. The ticket from Pittsburgh to Chicago is good only till the 1st of Jan. 1881. But I hope she may be able to go on before that time - next week I hope -

6. You can tell her that her musical attainments are expected to be in demand in Fillmore - & that the sending of a missionary & family then at an early day is in contemplation - & add as much more as you will. Yours truly

H. Kendall

2. Enclosed is all the material I have for the "Outlook" - the brethren have been negligent - But it is to the purpose as far as it goes - Use it - reject & return it - abridge or enlarge & add to it as you see fit -

I leave you to put in the appeals & the "sensements" -

I hope you will make a "tip-top" No - & beg of them to have it out & distributed Holiday week - before the New Year begins -

I offer also a little squib on "three months more" -

Will it be acceptable -

pleasant visit there from Friday evening until Monday morning and received several very pressing invitations to go back in the Summer which I think I shall accept. I have been exceedingly fortunate in securing a good boarding place and in a very pleasant family. All the members of the household are quite companionable and are doing all in their power to make me comfortable and make me feel at home. You will doubtless be surprised when I inform you that I am only paying $4.00 a week for board, washing, ironing, room &c. I didn't expect to get it for less than $5.00. And we have been living on splendid bread, butter, preserves, chicken & best of all - fresh venison, beside quite a variety of pie, cake, custards &c. Pardon me - I

Please return to
Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Provo —

Miss Annie McKean
Fillmore Utah
1881 Feby 9.

Fillmore Utah.
Feb. 9th 1881.

Dear Dear Mrs. Haines.

I have been waiting since I came here until my school opened before I would write you. Yesterday morning Feb. 8th I opened it with thirty (30) scholars! This morning there were thirty three and I have been told that there will be nine or ten more.

Isn't that encouraging? I have found it pretty hard to classify them, as there are scholars from six to seventeen years of age and at about as many stages of advancement. They are quite bright

looking boys and girls and seem both willing and anxious to learn. But as I had anticipated, they are especially eager to learn to sing and have already learned to sing two verses of "Jesus loves even me." I am teaching them the notes - devote the last half hour of every afternoon to that purpose. I have several pupils from the Mormon school - they come over after their school is closed. The Mormons are feeling very sore about it all, while the Liberals are rejoicing in their success and their independence. Through the kindness of Mr. Kendall in the generous donation of $50.00 they have been relieved of all debt and are going right to work to fit up another room.

These are quite a number of pupils

attending the Mormon school who are coming to mine as soon as their term closes. I may be able to get along without an assistant this Spring, but if the school increases as the people predict, I shall have to have one in the Fall.

The scholars are required to pay a tuition which will be collected by the Board of Directors at the end of each term and paid on my salary. The length of the school term is ten weeks, so I shall have two terms this Spring which will bring the close of my school the third week in June. "If preventing providence", I hope to be able to open school again the first of Sept. Scarcely know how I shall put in the long days in the summer, but think I shall spend a part of them in Salt Lake City. Had a very

did not intend to digress in this manner, but since it is done, I shall not recall it.

Am quite pleased too with my schoolroom - it is very neat and cheerful and every seat is taken, so if I have any more pupils I shall have to have some more desks. I have not organized my Sab. School yet but expect to the coming Sabbath, thought it advisable to wait until I became somewhat acquainted with my scholars.

Last Sab. afternoon there were nine young men - all Mormons - called to hear me sing. I sung quite a number of the Moody and Sankey pieces for them & they seemed very much pleased. I told them before they left that I was expecting a number of copies of that book & if they would come one evening during the week

I would teach them to sing them.

They said they would come, but I thought it rather doubtful until I heard since, that they said they would only be too glad to come. Since then I have been more hopeful and am now entertaining the hope that I may be able to form them into a choir to lead the singing in Sab. School. My! how happy I shall be if I succeed in doing that much!

When are we going to have the Missionary & family you wrote me of? Before long, I hope. Indeed a number of people have expressed an earnest desire to hear one good gospel sermon, and would welcome an intelligent & faithful minister. Don't send us anything but the best, as there are so many skeptics here with whom he would have to contend. And now Mrs. Haines, allow me to thank you for suggesting my name to the Mission Band in Monongahela Pa. I have written to the Secretary stating that the most pressing need at present is an Organ which I am very anxious to have as soon as possible. With much love, I remain - Very truly your friend

Annie Wilson

kindly sent me a number of Moody and Sankey books & lesson leaves & Teachers Papers for this month.

I think we can raise enough here to subscribe for the Westminster lesson leaves for a year or nine months at least.

I organized the Sab. School last Sab. afternoon when thirty eight scholars were enrolled, which I thought wonderful for a Mormon community. The room was crowded, but of course there were a great many who came just out of curiosity. I gave them a very cordial invitation to come again and was very much encouraged when told afterward that some of the Mormon young men were going to enroll the next Sabbath. We elected a young man - Elder. Alonzo Bartholomew Supt., a young lady - Miss Martin Sec't, and a Elder. Edwin Bartholomew Treas.

I found that the children didn't

know anything about the Bible - not even who was the first man. So I was just in my element - as I had often longed to tell the "dear old story" to those who had never heard it.

We shall of course need books & papers to carry on a Sab. School successfully, but more than all - we do need your prayers and I hope that many a petition will go up to the dear Lord for our school and for a blessing on my work here.

I received a check from Elder O. E. Boyd a few days ago which I do not quite understand. It was for $124.05, for traveling expenses $74.05 and for fitting up the schoolroom $50.00. You know I had rec'd $100.00 from Elder Kendall before I left home - do you suppose this amount, for traveling expenses has been refunded toward my salary for one quarter; or what does it mean: Please explain fully, so

Will you please be kind enough to let Mr. Kendall read this letter?

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there will be no misunderstanding.

Then about the $50.00 – Mr. McMillan wrote me that he had received an order from Mr. Kendall – the same amount & for the same purpose. So you see I am quite puzzled.

I have now forty pupils in my day school, but on Monday I am to have an assistant who will take charge of the Primary Department which will enable me to give more time and attention to the older scholars. The Board of Directors will collect the tuition from the pupils & divide between us at the end of the term. I shall let you know what is so that the amount may be deducted from my salary.

With much love – yours truly –

Annie McLean.

Miss Annie McKean
1881 – Feby 19.

Miss Annie McKean
and 6.30/81 –
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Fillmore Utah.
Feb. 19th 1881.

Miss Dear Mrs. Haines.

I wrote you a note on the 17th in regard to procuring an Organ in Salt Lake City for my school.

Yesterday I rec'd a letter from my Father stating that the Ladies of our Ch. or at least – Mrs. Brownson proposes sending me one that has been donated to Home Missions by some lady who died at Bridgeville Pa. So it will not be necessary for me to buy one, and I have written the same to Prof. Bergner. I had persuaded the Mission Band at Monongahela that they should contribute toward this object, but since this is secured, they had better – if they are willing – help to furnish a Library for our Sab. School. Miss Father has very

Miss Annie McKean
Fillmore City, Utah
1881 – Mch 6.

Miss Annie McKean
rec'd 6.24/81!
ans'd 6-30/81 —

Fillmore City Utah.
March 26th 1881.

My Dear Mrs. Haines

Your letter so full of kindness was received a week ago and the Circular from the Estey Organ Co. has come since, for which I thank you kindly. I have examined the Circular carefully and beg to frankly say I don't like the appearance of any of their cheaper Organs – that is under $200.00

They doubtless have many under that price that are very good and would answer my purpose, but their illustrations are mostly of the expensive ones and such that we cannot afford. I shall therefore leave the matter entirely in your hands

and leave you to judge of the quality as well as to negotiate with the Bro. for the Organ. This I hope you will do at once - (if it is not asking too much). for I do need it so much. I had received a letter from Messrs. Bronson stating that they had secured the second hand Organ from me & thought the matter was settled. I accordingly wrote to the Mission Band at Ukon. Kelly & my friend in Keokuk Iowa, but am quite sure the money will be forthcoming if they only have the case presented to them. I have received no funds whatever for that purpose, so have none to forward. I was hoping the Organ was nearly here by this time - & hope it will not be delayed when it does start. Feel quite anxious to have an explanation in regard to that check sent me sometime ago, can't you enlighten me? Shall I have the $74.25 cashed? I should like to as I am in debt several

weeks for boarding & don't want it to run on any longer if I can help it.
At any rate, I expect to make out my Quarterly Report and forward soon, and if I have that much of my salary, of course I shall want to deduct it from my allowance. Am getting along nicely in School and Sab. School & feel quite contented. now. Had an Entertainment on Thurs. evening for the purpose of helping to pay off the debt on the new schoolroom. It consisted of Music, Recitations, Tableaux & Dialogues. Farley's Xmas Works. It was quite a success both socially & financially. I write very hurriedly in order to get this in the noon mail. Please let me hear from you soon. With much love - Your friend
Annie McKean

purpose - viz - to help pay for the enlargement of my schoolroom. This, Mr. Keough writes me, is going to be done immediately. By taking out a side wall & putting in partitions at either end, my schoolroom will be ten ft. (10) wider, & is just what we need. It will be right expensive, but the men in Fillmore who are interested in the school will give their labor, & Mr. Keough thinks he can get some assistance from friends or churches in the East, so we are going on with it, firmly believing "The Lord will provide." I am very sorry indeed that I cannot have an assistant for I verily believe we could have one of the largest and best schools in the Territory. Oh! that the Home Mission Fund may be increased so that you can send all the teachers that are needed! I had a letter yesterday from Miss Levering saying that she had about abandoned the idea of coming to Utah. She seemed quite disappointed, as she had looked forward so eagerly and hopefully to being my assistant. I have made no arrangement whatever with the assistant I once had - I don't want her - she is not competent for the position, & there is no one else who I consider capable in the Town. The girls

Miss Annie McKean

Miss Annie Mc. Kean—
and 8.6/81—

San Fran. Cal.
July 26th 1881.

Revs. F. E. H. Haines.
Dear Friend.

About one week ago I received your letter of the 30th ult. which was very much enjoyed & appreciated.

I cannot, however, understand why my letter was so long in reaching you - or how you happened to get it at all after so long a time. But no matter now - the anxiety is all past and there is no need for further worry. In the first place - the Organ did not reach me in time for our S.S. concert. I postponed it one week hoping it might come, but was disappointed and had to borrow one.

The organ is now in my school-room at Fillmore. Our new Minister - Rev. H. A. Keough - paid the freight on it which amounted to $17.70 and had it taken to Fillmore. Of the $50.00 from Mrs. Brownson's Band is for the use of the school - it might be well to repay Mr. Keough - I don't think he ought to have to pay it out of his own pocket. At any rate I think my friends & Bands who are working for my school intended to pay for the freight as well as the Organ.

Mrs. Bradley of Leonardsburg Pa. sent on $10.00 for it from what is called "the Hill church" of which her husband is Pastor. Miss Sherrard of Washington wrote that they were interested in my dear school and particularly anxious that I should have an organ. Have you received any money for it from that source?

The Mission Band of children who are working directly for my school

is at Monongahala City Pa., Miss Vive Patterson is their Secretary.
They are pledged for $100.00 toward my salary I believe, am I right: I had a letter from her two days ago in which she stated that the children are doing nicely & thinks there will be no doubt but that they will raise the amount.
I know you have promise of help from a Band in Wisconsin for my school & resting on that, you bought the Organ.
Now, my dear Mrs. Haines, I do not know how much you may have received from these various sources or how much is promised exactly, but I hope the whole amount will be sent in promptly, and if you will let me know how much is lacking for the Organ, I shall write to my friend in Keokuk and solicit a part or perhaps all (if it is not too much.)
I was rather hoping to keep her promise of aid in reserve for another

are very ignorant & stupid & the boys and young gentlemen not much better. Besides the parents of the children so much prefer to have me Teach them. I can do it, but it is very hard to do them all justice when I have three or four reading classes, & as many Geography Arith, Spelling, writing &c. I had nothing to do with engaging that young lady— the Trustees engaged her and paid her. They promised Mr. McMillan to pay a part of my salary by collecting a tuition for each scholar, they put it off. and put it off, until the day I left & then only raised $15.00. It ought to have been four times as much. When I send in my next report, shall carry that amount deducted, & Mr. McMillan must attend directly himself to the rest. Mr. McMillan finally wrote me in

regard to those checks and everything was clearly & satisfactorily settled. And now I must tell you what a delightful time I had last Thursday. In the first place I was visiting the Chinese Mission School here two weeks ago when I met Mrs. Brown President of the Foreign Miss. Society, Mrs. Cameron of Oakland, Mrs. Condit and a number of earnest workers.

Through a very kind invitation from Mrs. Cameron I went to Oakland last Thurs. to meet the Ladies of the 1st Presby Ch. and tell them something of my work in Utah. Imagine my surprise when I arrived there to find about eighty ladies and their pastor - Rev. Mr. Sprecker (I'm not sure I have spelled it right) gathered in their S.S. room to meet me. I was somewhat embarrassed at first, but when I looked around & saw their pleasant and interesting faces, I felt more at my ease. After relating my experience and giving them a detailed account of my school & S. School, they had a great many questions to ask which I endeavored to answer as well as I could. They are making an effort to raise the amount necessary to support a teacher there in Utah and have one selected - as soon as the money

is raised or promised, they will send her. After bidding them good afternoon, I was taken to a sewing circle of the 2nd Presby. Church where I told the ladies of my work in Utah. Mrs. Cameron and I then called on Mrs. Condit & had the pleasure of seeing the Mission School in which I have felt greatly interested for a long time. From there, we went to Mrs. Cameron's home - her husband has lately organized the 2nd Ch. there under the supervision of the 1st Ch. He is a very nice gentleman & I liked Mrs. Cameron so much. Altogether I feel that it was one of the most pleasant days I have had since I came here. This week Friday I am to meet Mrs. Condit & go with her to visit the Chinese women in their homes, and afterward to the closing exercises of one of the Chinese schools.

And now, I must close at once - hoping you are in good health & that you may have an opportunity to visit us in Utah sometime, as well as come to see the sights of California & with much love - Your friend - Anne McKean.